

Trauma, Diversity, and Systemic Change (TDSC) Lab

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Lab Overview:

The Trauma, Diversity, and Systemic Change (TDSC) Lab is dedicated to advancing knowledge and fostering systemic change in trauma-informed care and diversity. We specialize in the study of complex trauma, using advanced statistical methods to understand its impact on diverse populations. Our research focuses on addressing systemic barriers to treatment and reporting, including investigating sexual trauma among college students to enhance support and prevention efforts. Through applied research, advocacy, and community engagement, we strive to transform systems of care and reporting, making it easier for diverse survivors to receive support and report incidents.

Current Research Areas:

- Complex trauma and its impact on diverse populations
- Systemic barriers to treatment and reporting
- Sexual trauma among college students
- Advanced statistical methods in trauma research

Opportunities

- Conducting own research projects including IRB application, survey design, data collection, and analysis.
- Present at conferences
- Publish papers

Lab Expectations:

- Attend and actively participate in weekly lab meetings
- Contribute to ongoing research projects and assist in data collection, analysis, and dissemination
- Collaborate on conference presentations and publications
- Support a positive and inclusive lab culture

Openings:

We are currently seeking new lab members who are passionate about trauma research and diversity. Ideal candidates should have a strong interest in our research areas and a commitment to advancing systemic change.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants should submit the following to Dr. Watters at kwatters@paloinfo.org by the announced deadline:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Cover letter detailing:
 - Research interests, career goals, and fit with the lab

- Programming languages/computer software that you have experience in (R, MPlus, Python).
- Unofficial transcripts

Selected applicants will be invited for an interview to further discuss their fit with the lab. Students who are accepted into the TDSC Lab will be notified via email by the PAU uniform notification date.